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SUBJ: TURKISH PRESS REACTION TO KISSINGER STATEMENT,
TURKISH CYPRUS POLICY

1. TURKEY'S LARGEST DAILY, HURRIYET, WEDNESDAY (JUNE 11)
CARRIED A FRONT PAGE BANNER HEADLINE: "AMERICA WANTS
DEFINITE CONCESSIONS ON CYPRUS." THE HURRIYET STORY QUOTED
SECRETARY KISSINGER AS TELLING THE SENATE (SIC) FOREIGN
RELATIONS COMMITTEE, "IF TURKEY WANTS THE ARMS EMBARGO
LIFTED, SHE WILL HAVE TO MAKE SOME SACRIFICES FOR A
SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS QUESTION. AFTER THESE SACRIFICES,
HOPE WOULD DAWN FOR A LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO."

2. THE HURRIYET STORY SAID SECRETARY KISSINGER, IN ANSWER
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TO A QUESTION ON TURKEY'S INTENTIONS CONCERNING CYPRUS,

REPLIED, "THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAS OFFICIALLY DECLARED THAT, BEFORE THE ARMS EMBARGO IS LIFTED, IT WILL NOT ENTER INTO ANY DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE TERRITORY IT TOOK."

3. MODERATE LEFT CUMHURIYET CARRIED A SIMILAR STORY UNDER THE HEADLINE "KISSINGER: 'IF TURKEY DOESN'T MAKE CONCESSIONS, THERE IS NO CHANCE OF LIFTING THE EMBARGO.'" TURKISH RADIO AND TELEVISION CARRIED SIMILAR STORIES TUESDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY MORNING (JUNE 10-11).

4. IN CONTRAST, CONSERVATIVE TERCUMAN CARRIED A BRIEF FRONT PAGE ITEM SAYING SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD TOLD THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAS DECLARED IT WOULD MAKE NO TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS ON CYPRUS WHILE THE ARMS EMBARGO CONTINUED AND THAT HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT TURKEY WOULD TAKE STEPS THAT WOULD FACILITATE REACHING A SETTLEMENT.

5. THE EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT THE HURRIYET ACCOUNT WAS BASED ON AN AP STORY AND THAT TERCUMAN'S VERSION WAS BASED ON AN AFP STORY CARRIED IN TURKISH BY THE ANADOLU AJANSI NEWS AGENCY.
SEVERAL MAJOR DAILIES, INCLUDING MILLIYET, CARRIED NO STORY AT ALL ON THE KISSINGER TESTIMONY.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CABLE FULL TEXT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S TESTIMONY ON CYPRUS AND ARMS EMBARGO.

7. IN OTHER CYPRUS-RELATED DEVELOPMENTS, SEVERAL DAILIES, INCLUDING MILLIYET IN A TOP FRONT PAGE STORY, REPORT THAT RPP LEADER BULENT ECEVIT SAID INFORMATION GIVEN TO THE OPPOSITION PARTIES BY PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL WAS "DIS-QUIETING." ECEVIT DECLINED TO ELABORATE, SAYING HE PREFERRED TO WAIT UNTIL FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL ADDRESSED PARLIAMENT ON THURSDAY (JUNE 12) AND PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL HELD THE PRESS CONFERENCE HE HAS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY.

8. SEVERAL PAPERS REPORTED THAT TURCO-GREEK TALKS WILL BEGIN IN ANKARA JUNE 17. AMONG ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED
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WILL BE AIRCRAFT FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION (FIR) REGULATION.

9. THERE WAS LITTLE COVERAGE OF SECGEN WALDHEIM'S REPORT ON CYPRUS TO THE UN IN WEDNESDAY EDITIONS. ONLY MASS-CIRCULATION GUNAYDIN NOTED THE REPORT, UNDER THE HEADLINE: "UN SECRETARY GENERAL REPORT: 'CYPRUS QUESTION DEADLOCKED.'" BERGUS

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